Vedanta prohibit non-caste-Hindus from studying Vedas and Vedanta and also that they should not be taught those subjects.

President.—If this is discussed in a learned assembly of Pandits, then the discussion will be appreciated.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The answer given to me is that according to the Vedas only Brahmins are allowed to study Vedas and Vedanta and that the 'Bhooshana' title should only be given to them. May I know whether in the Vedas it is stated that no caste-Hindu other than the Brahmins shall be allowed from becoming a 'Bhooshana'?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I shall make a study of the Vedas and give the answer.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I did not catch the answer, Sir.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I shall make a study of the Vedas and answer, Sir.

President.—He says he cannot answer now. He can answer only after studying the Vedas.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—But the Sastras say, it is said, that only Brahmins could study the Vedas. Then how can the Member for Education study Vedas?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—He can study the Vedas; but he will not be allowed to appear for the examination which confers the 'Bhooshana' title to those candidates who come out successful in the examination. That is all.

Condition of the Jetties in front of the Comptroller's Office.

450. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to say what is the average number of boats per year that reach the landing places inside the tank in front of the Comptroller's Office, Ernakulam;

has it ever come to the notice of the Government that the jetties inside the tank are in a most dangerous condition and that one jetty, in fact, consists only of two iron rails placed wide apart, projecting horizontally over the water and that the tank lies in a highly insanitary condition especially in the low-tide when the whole tank is emptied of its water, exposing accumulation of filth and mire emitting foul smell?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have no accurate information.

The jetties and the tank are not in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—With regard to the answer to sub-division (2), are the Government aware that the inhabitants of the bazaar are making use of the seashore behind the bazaar for answering calls, Sir?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government are not aware

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Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries regarding that ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is the function of the Municipality. We have no control over the plot. If you want, we shall write to the Municipality about this. That is all we can do in the matter.

Public latrines in the Ernakulam bazaar.

451. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to say how many public latrines have been provided for the use of the bazaar inhabitants and the floating population of Ernakulam bazaar ;

(2) has the notice of the Government been drawn to the fact that the foreshore of Ernakulam especially behind the bazaar is now in a very highly insanitary condition ;

(3) are the Government unaware of the fact that the Ernakulam foreshore is the only place of resort for the inhabitants of the town for recreation and that the present condition of that locality is dangerous to the health of persons ;

(4) has the Ernakulam Municipality taken any measure to remedy the above mentioned evil ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Two.

(2) It is not in an insanitary condition.

(3) and (4) These questions do not arise in view of the answer furnished above.

Text-Book Committee and Board of Studies.

452. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:—

(a) how many members are there in the Text-Book Committee ;

(b) how many of them are Members of the Cochin Legislative Council ;

(c) have the Government any objection to appoint more Members of the Legislative Council in the Text-Book Committee and in the Board of Studies ;

(d) how many Members of the Legislative Council are there in the Board of Studies ;

(e) did the Government directly approve any books last year, which failed to get the approval of the Text-Book Committee ;

(f) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, what was the special reason which made the Government do so ;

(g) what was the date on which the last Text-Book Committee meeting was held and what was the date first fixed for the said meeting and why was that changed ;

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